

Arbor Hills Newsletter

Crime Alert

The Following Neighborhood Watch notices were passed along to us by our neighbor, Brian Charnetski:

We are again seeing an increase in scams in and around Ann Arbor. We would like to warn residents and visitors of the different type of scams and what are some warning signs.

IRS Scam

As we continue in tax season and people are frantically attempting to complete their taxes, some people may receive a phone call from someone claiming to be a representative from the Police, Sheriff or Federal Government stating that there is a warrant for their arrest for not payment past taxes. **RED FLAG WARNING:** 1) The IRS, the police, nor the Sheriff's office will call you demanding payment (immediate or otherwise); 2) We will not clear up a warrant over the phone with a pre-paid calling card; 3) We will not keep you on the phone to ensure that you have completed the transaction of sending money; 4) We will not send someone to your home to arrest you if you do not pay immediately. While this may sound silly, we at the Ann Arbor Police Department and police departments throughout the country have received these same complaints. For more information on reporting tax scams, go to www.irs.gov and type "scam" in the search box.

Personal Safety of a Loved One

Another scam that we have received call regarding is that a loved one of the victim (target) was involved in a car accident for being drunk, was injured and is in jail. The caller claims to be the loved one and needs money for bail. The caller will ask that the victim go to the bank and withdraw money and put it on a prepaid credit card and provide the number to Western Union or any

other similar group to be withdrawn from an unknown location. If in doubt, contact the person via your personal phone, not the phone number they are claiming to be calling from. Better to verify with a number you are secure with rather than one provided by the criminal with another criminal standing by to answer the other phone.

Jury Duty Scam

The scammers call the targets victims) stating that they missed jury duty and that there is a warrant for their arrest. They can cancel the police officer or sheriff's deputy from going to their home or work and arresting them if they pay for bond via a pre-paid card. No law enforcement agency will notify you or release information via phone about a warrant. We require that you present yourself in person with proper photo ID. We will not ask for money to post bail. **NOTE:** Some of the callers were able to change the Caller ID to reflect the Washtenaw County Metro Dispatch. Always stop and think about anyone asking you for money or pressuring you to resolve a situation over the phone. If in doubt, discuss it with someone. If you have additional concerns, call the police and inquire.

Neighborhood Gardening Group

Do you enjoy Gardening? Do you want to meet your neighbors and help keep our common areas looking fresh and inviting? We would like to start a group of Arbor Hills Neighbors that meets on a regular basis during the warmer months to enjoy some basic gardening tasks and socializing. If you are interested in learning more about this newly forming group, please email Karin Monnett (monnetts@sbcglobal.net). No skills or previous gardening experience required, just a willingness to have some fun working and socializing together.

Mailboxes and Stands

After several years without any attention, our mailboxes and stands need maintenance work. The cost to have this work done is approximately \$6,500 for paint, number replacement, and installation of metal plates on the posts. This cost will need to come out of our reserve savings unless we can get neighborhood volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact the board.

Street Parking

If you have multiple cars or visitors at your home, please be respectful of your neighbors. Utilize your driveway and the space in front of your home first. You should never block another homeowner's access. Thank you.

Spring is Here

The snow has melted! Unfortunately, we had stored some debris under that snow. Please pick up any trash or other articles littering our neighborhood. Keep Arbor Hills looking great!

WCC Fitness Center

"Arbor Hills" group membership – 1/2 off the initiation fee of \$150 all year with \$0 initiation fee during the month of December. Their site is www.wccfitness.org

Tree trimming or removal

Landscape Solutions - Joshua Gonzalez 248-955-8327
Don Packard Tree Service – 734-484-1232 office or 734-883-3552 cell

Cement Leveling

A-1 Concrete Leveling - 800-538-3514
American Concrete Leveling - 734-680-7477

Please contact the Board if you have any ideas for group discounts or other suggestions for contractors.

Board Meeting

The March Board Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 25th** at Clague Middle School Media Center **from 7-8pm**. The meetings are open to all neighbors and everyone is encouraged to attend.

AGENDA TOPICS will be:

Pond Project; Curb Replacement Project; Tree Trimming; Mailbox Repair; Neighborhood Appearance

Board Members & Officers

Collin Ross – President

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How to Contact the Board

Email and voice messages will be forwarded to all members of the Board. Please let us know your questions, concern or comments.

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Does YPM Have your Current Email?

Please take a moment to call or email Your Peace of Mind to ensure that your correct email address is on file. Email communications are being used more frequently to keep residents informed on everything from community events to neighborhood alerts to maintenance issues. Thank you!